

# Media Information



Columbus Division of Police

Date: January 30, 2019

Traffic Bureau / Accident Investigation Unit

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Ext:

Type of Offense/Incident: Serious Injury Traffic Crash

Date: 1/30/2020

Time: 4:58 PM

Location of Offense/Incident: I-71 (n/b) at Hudson St

Zone: 4

Precinct: 2

Incident Report #: 200081819

Cruiser District: 20

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**Incident Summary:** On Thursday, January 30, 2020 at approximately 4:58 PM, Mr. Joseph Buza (82) of Canal Winchester, was operating his Chevrolet Cruz northbound on I-71 passing under the E. Hudson St. overpass. His front seat passenger was Ms. Nancy Buza (69), also of Canal Winchester. Mr. Buza's vehicle struck the rear of a Honda CR-V being driven by Mr. Martin Smith (38) of Worthington. This, in turn, shoved Mr. Smith's vehicle into two other vehicles; a Honda Pilot being driven by Ms. Kimberly Paap (51) of Powell, and a tractor-trailer being driven by Mr. Abel Silva (41) of El Paso, Texas. Mr. Buza's vehicle then left the right side of the freeway.

Mr. Buza was taken to Riverside Methodist Hospital in life-threatening condition. Ms. Buza was also taken to Riverside in good condition. There were no other injuries.

The Accident Investigation Unit responded and initiated an investigation.

Preliminary information indicates Mr. Buza may have experienced a medical problem that preceded the collision, but such a determination will be made only after more extensive medical treatment.

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